



DISTRICT 26 DIALOGUE

Region 1 __ Serving Colorado, Wyoming and Western Nebraska

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MEMBERS TAKING IT TO THE STREETS

Tom Hobbs, DTM District 26 Governor



Storytellers Conference

The Rocky mountain Storytellers conference was held in Denver on the weekend of May 2 – 4. Building the art of storytelling is their focus. Many professional Speakers now admit that their success is that they effectively use stories to make their points memorable. It is the stories that the event organizer keep hearing about and that is why they get repeat bookings. There were over 15 Toastmasters there plus flyers inviting the storytellers to come join your club as a member. You can learn more at Spellbinders.org and www.rmstory.org



Mishaps to Magic

How you react when the cell phone goes off during your presentation often shows your professionalism. That professionalism is what is remembered by the event organizer. They want professional minded people at their events to attract better crowds. You can learn to react to those Mishaps and turn them into Magic. Lori Bennett, a professional Clown, Improv Artist and Toastmaster, is the instructor for “Turn Mishaps into Magic” Improv for Speakers. A simply powerful workshop sponsored by Professional Presenters Toastmasters and open to the public.

You can learn more at ProfessionalPresentersToastmasters.com



These are just three events in the past month that members are taking their skills beyond their club and growing in awesome ways. Tell us what you have done. We want to know.

Pass it on!

Let the rest of your club know the June Dialogue is available.

Who has been Taking it to the Streets

Here are 3 more examples of members taking their skills beyond their club.

Ignite Ft.Collins

On May 9th they had 18 presenters in the Ignite Format. 20 Slides that automatically advance every 15 seconds. Yes 20 slides in five Minutes that support your Verbal story. Three Presenters had a unique opportunity to present impromptu to six slides. The skills of Toastmasters timing was very apparent. I could see how well each presenter respected their time period. The Toastmasters stood out! Chris Hutchinson and Michael Pruznick presented and I saw five other Toastmasters in the Audience of 450 people.

You could be a presenter too, learn more at <http://www.ignitefortcollins.com>



The District 26 Dialogue is published monthly to keep the members informed about events in the district and to present educational and motivational material to help in the maintenance of clubs and the service to our members. Unsolicited articles are encouraged. Submissions should be newsworthy, informative, thought-provoking and of district-wide appeal. Include web links if available. For more details go to <http://d26Toastmasters.org/WP/news-events/district-26-dialogue/>.

[Find a club](#)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS	June 2014						
	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>Jun 2 – 43 Minute District Leadership Conference Call 1st Mondays</p> <p>Jun 30 – Beat the Clock Membership Contest Ends</p> <p>Jun 30 – Club officer lists due to TI</p> <p>Jun 30 – Distinguished District, Division, Area and Club Programs end</p> <p>Jun 30 – Division Toastmaster of the Year Nominations due to District Governor</p> <p>Jun 30 – End of Toastmasters' Year</p> <p>See the district calendar for more details</p>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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NEWS & NOTES

Club Elections

Has your club held its elections yet? New officers for the coming term need to be elected and reported to International by the end of June. Technically, you should have elected the new officers in May.

Why, you ask. Ignoring that it's in your club constitution (Look it up), the six or so weeks gives your new officers time for on the job training with the outgoing officers to assure a smooth transition.

Then, of course, there's the Distinguished Club Program. If you elect once a year and you need to report your new officer list by the end of June to get credit for one DCP requirement. If you elect twice a year, you can still get credit in December, but why wait?

If you haven't already elected your new officers, get started ... now.

Celebrating 10 years

or more in June!

Rocky Mountain Toastmasters Club, 739 – 65 yrs.
 Downtowners Toastmasters Club, 3801 – 50 yrs.
 Gates to Excellence Toastmasters, 3413 – 47 yrs.
 Gates Sunrisers Toastmasters Club, 1120 – 44 yrs.
 BodyShops Club, 821 – 34 yrs.
 Downtown Toastmasters Club, 5158 – 31 yrs.
 Laramie Morning Club, 5563 – 30 yrs.
 High Plains Club, 6633 – 27 yrs.
 Chamber Speakeasy Club, 4780 – 17 yrs.
 Thunderbolt Orators Club, 2242 – 14 yrs.
 Excelsior Club, 3247 – 14 yrs.
 Talking Ideas Toastmasters Club, 9375 – 13 yrs.
 Flatirons View Toastmasters, 9407 – 13 yrs.
 Seamasters Toastmasters Club, 7818 – 13 yrs.
 High Noon Club, 1518 – 13 yrs.
 Energy Capital Toastmasters, 665919 – 10 yrs.

Please see the [D26 website](#) for a complete list.

Toastmasters Leadership Institute

Okay, you've got your officers elected. They all know exactly what they're doing, right? I didn't think so. What are you going to do about it? Did I hear someone say, "Pass out the officer manuals?" That's a good start, but wouldn't a well prepared and presented training program be well worthwhile?

You're darn tootin' it would. Have we got a deal for you! Starting in July we'll be conducting formal training at Toastmasters Leadership Institutes across the district. If that isn't enough, divisions will be conducting make up training. There should be more than enough opportunities to get every officer trained.

The Distinguished Club Program requirement for training is four club officers trained every six months. Historically, the clubs that have all seven officers trained each six months are the outstanding clubs.

Get your officers trained.

DG THANK YOU LETTER

Linda Rhea, DTM District 26 Governor Elect



Has anyone ever encouraged you to step beyond what you thought you could do?

Have you ever encouraged anyone to step beyond what they thought they could do? That is what Toastmasters is all about! That is leading from the heart!

Thank you to the many who have encouraged me: Joseph Thompson to step beyond Bob Ord Toastmasters, Tom Hobbs to be an Area Governor, Joyce Feustel to conduct my 1st Area Governor visit to Evening Stars, Ray Mohr to hold an Area Contest, Norm Frickey to be District Conference Chair and never quit asking, Julia Davis to give me the answers I needed and remind me to breathe, and Bea Garcia Macliz to travel beyond and laugh no matter what. We are blessed in this district to have so many encouragers to help us all.

Thank goodness they continue to serve beyond their terms – often without a title or thanks. Please accept our heartfelt thank-yous now.

Who encouraged you? What was it they said? How did they get you to step beyond? What questions did they ask that caused you to take action and succeed? And how have you paid it forward? Who thanks you for encouraging them? Who will you help next?

As we prepare for the new Toastmaster year **let's recommit together to help each other** grow in our leadership and communication skills, to invite guests, encourage members and lead from the heart.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your District Governor for 2014-2015.



THANK YOU DISTRICT 26

Deborah Frauenfelder, DTM Lt. Governor Education & Training Elect

Members and leaders of District 26, thank you for allowing me to serve as Lt. Gov. Marketing 2013-2014. I have had a blast getting to know you as we traveled together across the district to build clubs, to attend special marketing events, to build membership, and to attend contests, training and conferences. Looking through rear vision glasses, I am filled with blessed memories of good times, good friends, and professional growth.

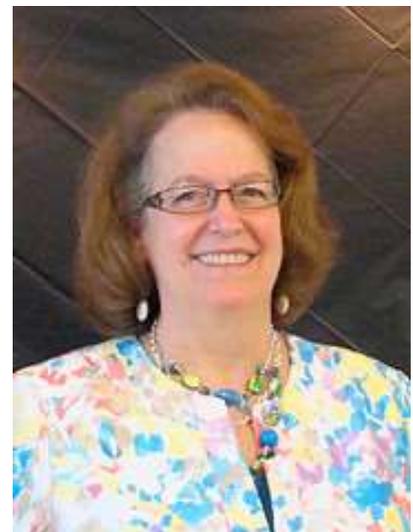
Members and leaders of District 26, thank you for your continued support and for allowing me to serve yet another year, this time as Lt. Gov. Education and Training 2014-2015. Our journey continues together. I look forward to strengthening friendships as **together we educate our district's members**, laugh at contest events, and network at conferences. Let us roll up our sleeves and

get busy planning district events beginning 1 July 2014.

Members and leaders of District 26, thank you!

Now let's go build more Toastmaster clubs, as the 2013-2014 year is not yet over!!! The Beat the Clock contest is upon us. We have 1 month left to acquire 5 new members for your club to earn the Beat the Clock ribbon for your banner.

Until your 2014-2015 Lt Governor Marketing, Darryle Brown, begins his year of service on 1 July 2014, you can still reach me at LGM1314@D26leaders.org, if you have marketing questions. Congratulations Darryle Brown; enjoy the journey!



DEMO MEETING IN GUFFEY AND GEOCACHING

Keith Horowitz Southern Division Governor

What do you do when you have a small town which is having challenges with communications? You start a Toastmasters club!

Joe Rodriguez and his wife were Toastmasters in North Carolina, and then in Colorado Springs. Now they live in the very beautiful mountain town of Guffey. He saw that there were concerns between the Fire Department, the town council and the townspeople. His solution was to get together many of the key players from all sides in a leadership workshop combined with a Toastmasters Demonstration meeting. He was addressing the issues from many directions at the same time, all with constructive, forward-thinking solutions.

As part of the demonstration team, I traveled to Guffey with Bea Garcia-Macliz and Niki Moore. There is always interesting conversions with Toastmasters, and I had a chance to talk a bit about my hobby of Geocaching. When I mentioned that I saw that there were some Geocache hides in Guffy, my passengers were excited by the idea of giving it a try! We arrived early enough to venture out after two of them. We found one at the library. Another was up a small hill, at a mineral spring, which we would have never imagined was there if it were not for the Geocache. Bea and Niki enjoyed the experience, and I was glad to be able to

share the fun with them.

For the meeting, we learned a lot about the challenges the volunteer fire department has been facing and the Toastmasters were able to provide additional feedback and insight to help them look at issues and consider solutions. Along with Deborah Frauenfelder, Mitch Krayton, Kathy Schneebeck-Dulnoan, and Beth Boaz, we had a grand Toastmasters

Demonstration. One of the solutions the town saw was how much a Toastmasters Club would help them improve not only their personal communication, but the overall communication in town. I heard many of them looking forward to the next meeting and learning more about being in a Toastmasters club.



ENTHUSIASTIC ROLLER COASTER

Tom Hobbs, DTM District 26 Governor

I take my Hat off ...

You may have blushed too. If you had been with me when the club president introduced me this past month: **"The Man In The Hat sits in the front seat of the Toastmasters Roller Coaster. He leads with enthusiasm and a professional style that keeps everyone smiling."**

I did have my hat blown off a few times this past year, but it was caught by another member on my team and returned. All of the miles

and time invested these past 5 years as a district officer have been rewarded many times over. The growth in member skills have been amazing to witness. The enthusiasm that you have added to clubs from my simple visits is way cool. Last month a club of engineers even took my little yellow smiley Toy and included **"Mr. Yellow" into their meeting as an evaluator (I need to watch that they don't list him on the club roster).**

February I offered to visit any club in the district and my calendar filled immediately. As of May 22nd 54 club meetings were attended by The Man In The Hat. From your support, You have made me a better Speaker and Leader. Now other Toastmasters Districts around the globe have heard and are inviting me to visit them and tell about how you did it. I take my Hat off to You, District 26 Toastmasters.

ROCK THE DIALOGUE CELEBRATES WITH RTD

Eric Dunham, D1 Area Governor and President, Rock The Dialogue



leads and several guests have visited Rock The Dialogue. Today, Toastmasters and District 26, was reintroduced to the people of Denver; many of whom never heard of Toastmasters. We created community awareness of the benefits of Toastmasters and opened the door of opportunity for new members.

The program's participation in the event was organized by Rock The Dialogue's Lisa Trujillo, VP of Public Relations. It was an honor to celebrate the grand opening with RTD, the Denver area communities and the host of dignitaries who spoke during the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Let's continue to create community awareness of the benefits of Toastmasters and District 26.

On May 9th, the members of Rock The Dialogue Toastmasters # 3577751, celebrated with the Regional Transportation District (RTD) and the Denver area communities the grand opening of the Denver Union Station transportation center. The event drew nearly 8,000 people which provided District 26 visibility and the opportunity for the community to learn about the benefits of Toastmasters.

The Rock The Dialogue Toastmasters booth was staffed by District Governor Tom Hobbs (The Man in the Hat), Lt. Governor Marketing, Deborah Frauenfelder, program President, Eric Dunham and several Rock The Dialogue members. It was a rewarding experience to introduce Toastmasters for the first time to members of our community and to remind past and current members of the benefits of the program.

Over 500 business cards were distributed throughout the day, the club has followed up on nearly thirty prospective member



The Dialogue needs your input.

What would you like to see that isn't in it? What is in it that you don't care about? We need your evaluation of the Dialogue. Do you have something to say to the District? We're always looking for articles. Why not submit yours? See the guidelines on our home page <http://d26toastmasters.org/WP/news-events/district-26-dialogue/>

TOASTMASTER GOES TO BELGIUM

Mitch Krayton, DTM VP Membership, Evening Stars Toastmasters Club



Mitch Krayton, DTM, VP of Marketing for Evening Stars Advanced Toastmasters Club 7448 stopping by the Brabo Fountain in the Grote Markt, Antwerp, Belgium. Mitch always has his Toastmasters Magazine to share. This market plaza is known for its 16th century Town Hall and the guild houses topped with gold statues. Did we mention Belgian chocolate? Belgian waffles?

Antwerp is in Flanders and 4950 miles east of Denver. It is the birthplace of artist Peter Paul Rubens and the diamond capitol of the world. 85% of the world's uncut and finished diamonds pass through this city of 499,000.

The name Antwerp means 'hand thrown'. The story has it that a mean and nasty giant controlled the river traffic and demanded exorbitant tolls. Those who refused to pay had one of their hands cut off.

One day, a young and brave Roman soldier named Silvius Brabo managed to kill the giant. He cut the giant's hand and threw it in the Scheldt River, giving the city its name.

Tall tale? Visit Belgium and the Netherlands to discover it for yourself. There is a Toastmasters Club in Antwerp (a Dutch/English club) and many more clubs that welcome visitors throughout District 59. Visit www.toastmasters.be to learn more.



Mountain View High School ROTC Color Guard

DISTRICT 26 MARKETING ACTIVITIES

Deborah Frauenfelder, DTM, Lt. Governor Marketing

District 26 was busy with marketing activities in early May. A relatively new club, Rock The Dialogue (RTD) had a Toastmasters booth at the grand opening of Union Station on 5/9/14. The Rock The Dialogue members **know how to market in a grand way. Don't miss reading D-1 Area Governor Eric Dunham's article in this issue of the District Dialogue.**

On 5/10/14, seven Toastmasters from Denver and Colorado Spring areas converged on the town of Guffey for lunch followed by a three hour leadership training session. In the midst of their training session, we held a Toastmasters demonstration. Everyone **enjoyed the unusual day's event. Sponsor Joe Rodriguez** was delighted to have six Distinguished Toastmasters participate. Guffey, whose mayor is a cat, has 38 residents who will one day in the future enjoy Toastmasters meetings, as the residents decided to start a club. Guffey residents, you ROCK with enthusiasm.

On 5/15/14, Aimco Toastmasters held their charter celebration. Aimco Toastmasters warmly welcome Ann Kerr as one of their new club mentors; the other club mentor is Karen Standiford. The club members applauded receiving their banner and charter certificates and then held a meeting afterwards. Good



Aimco Toastmasters

luck Aimco Toastmasters; enjoy your journey! Finally, on 5/22/14 Defenders of Speech held a special membership drive which we called a re-launch demonstration. At the meeting, we had four members, six guests, and eight Toastmasters with the demonstration team. Club President Kyle Carpenter requested we do the re-launch event to help rebuild membership which was critically low just two months earlier. The club now has eight members and is looking for other potential members who have access to

Buckley AFB and are interested in joining the club. **Let's get the word out to help rebuild the club serving our active duty military members.**

Send requests to sponsor or mentor the new clubs to Deborah Frauenfelder at LGM1314@D26Toastmasters.org.

Thank you District 26 Toastmasters for continuing to market Toastmasters within your communities!

Distinguished Toastmasters



Sharon Frickey



Marcia Wood



Rich Hopkins



Kathy Schneebeck Dulnoan



Chrys Withrow



Dawn Kirk



Guffey, Colorado

SPRING CONFERENCE WRAP UP

Linda Rhea, DTM (Current) Lt. Governor Education & Training



Conference Co-Chairs Rhea Thompson and Lori High received non-stop praise for raising the D26 tradition of excellence with the 2014 D26 Spring Conference.

At the Friday Evening buffet Joy Davidson gathered us together with Patriotic songs without speaking a word – signing the words as we experienced every syllable. Tom Jones delivered a powerful keynote after dinner titled **“Dynamic Leadership – The Leadership Vacuum”**. Next the high energy **D26 Got Talent** Show opened with MC and comedian **Brent Podosek’s stand up act**. Brent then introduced

Pam Hertzog’s “G.A.L.S. One Woman Show”. Elvis entered the building next – Elvis Impersonator Mike Friend that is. Then we heard **Rap to love from “Toastmaster Rapper” Corey Baire**. World Champion Mark Brown, who received National Association of Negro Musicians 1996 Music Service Award, closed the evening singing Unforgettable!

The D26 Color Guard opened Saturday morning. Many were in uniform and they all looked great. Thank you all for serving our country.

Keynote Speaker, World Champion Mark Brown, wowed us all as he explained How Leaders Are Made. Tom Jones followed with an excellent Educational session about The Toastmaster Experience.

The Table Contest followed led by Contest Toastmaster, Connie Akins, and Chief Judge, Norm Frickey. Kathy Schneebeck Dulnoan chaired the contest with distinction. The question was **“If you had the power to change one thing in History, what would it be?”** Congratulations to all the contestants (above):

Kelsey Robb (1st Place)
Renee Gray (2nd Place)
Jessica Nowell (3rd Place)
Doug Brown
Pete Tomassi

Kevin Whaley

Tom Hobbs presented the Communication and Leadership Award to Sharon Friedman of the Story Project in Colorado Springs at the Communication and Leadership Award Luncheon.

After lunch Mark Brown presented an Educational session titled Power Presentations from Penpoint to Platform. Again, those in attendance commented they wished their club members could hear the great World Champions that present at our conferences! Many went home ready to write the next great speech!

The afternoon included Educational Sessions with presenters

David Dye
Joe Sabah and Debra Johnson
Pamela Hertzog
Maura Thompson
Devorah Uriel
Chrys Withrow

The Business Meeting followed with a review of the budget, officer reports and District Alignment – an annual process to equalize area size due to club growth and attrition.

District Officers for 2014-2015 were also elected at the Business meeting.

District Governor Linda Rhea
Lt. Governor Education & Training Deborah Frauenfelder
Lt. Governor Marketing Darryle Brown
Denver Division Governor Eric Dunham
Eastern Division Governor Stacey Williams
Foothills Division Governor Rhea Thompson
Metro Division Governor Lori High
Northern Division Governor Stephanie Jensen
Southern Division Governor Michelle Mras

The conference highlight is always the banquet, which began with the Mountain View High School ROTC Color Guard. After dinner International Director Tom Jones, Past District Governors Julia Davis and Norm Frickey installed the 2014-2015 District 26 Trio, Division Governors and Treasurer Karen Kitzky.

The always inspiring International Speech contest concluded the evening! Congratulations to the contestants (below):

Rich Hopkins (1st Place)
Kelsey Robb (2nd Place)
John Register (3rd Place)
Rebecca Barth
Mike Thompson
Sherman Wiseman

Thank you to everyone who worked tirelessly to produce a quality experience. The 17 enthusiastic committee chairs and countless volunteers created an extraordinary event for all in attendance. Thank you all!!! Please join us for our next conference in November.

Watch the Dialogue for details.





From left to right: Tom Jones (ID), Renee Gray (2nd), Jessica Nowell (3rd), Kelsey Rob (1st), Tom Hobbs (DG), Connie Akins (TM)



To download additional photos from the 2014 Spring Conference go to <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/ydnCSm6wzun785g/AAA746HN9IUI-JHhh1fnySOra>





From left to right: Tom Jones (ID), Mark Brown (WC), Rich Hopkins (1st), Kelsey Robb (2nd), John Register (3rd), Tom Hobbs (DG)



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ABOUT TOASTMASTERS DISTRICT 26, REGION 1



District 26 includes Colorado, the Eastern Slope of Wyoming, and the Nebraska panhandle. It was formed in 1948, with Gordon Merrick serving as its first district governor.

Four past District 26 governors have risen to the international level:

Don Paape was international director, 1966 - 68 and international president 1972 -73. It was during his term that women were first admitted to Toastmasters International. Watt Pye was district governor from 1969-70 and international director from 1970 -72; Dorothy Chapman served as district governor, 1989-90 and international director from 1990-92; and Beth Boaz was D26 governor from 1995-96 and international director, 1997-99. Marilyn Boland served as the first female District 26 governor in 1975 -76.

In 2000, [Ed Tate](#), a member of Cherry Creek Toastmasters, won the World Championship of Public Speaking. Ed is now the principal of a professional development firm that provides keynote and endnote presentations, workshops, and other training.

In 2007, [Rory Vaden](#), also a member of Cherry Creek Toastmasters, was the first runner-up in the World Championship of Public Speaking. He has since co-founded a multi-million dollar public training company and been featured on Oprah Radio with Dr. Oz and in **SUCCESS™ Magazine**.

[Byron Embry](#) of Pikes Peak Toastmasters was a major league baseball pitcher before he became a finalist in the World Championship of Public Speaking in 2009. He later founded Closing Remarks and has become a keynote speaker and author. [Jan J. Humphrey](#) of Simply Speaking was in Toastmasters little more than a year when he progressed to the final round of the World Championship of Public Speaking in 2010. Jan is now an inspirational speaker who reaches out to youth at risk. ■

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Our Mission

We strive to create a bond among all the clubs of the district by sharing our experiences, resources, and knowledge through an interactive media.

Our goal is to make every Toastmaster feel empowered, appreciated and connected.

Please send your questions, tips, comments, and articles to the editor, gordonsavage@msn.com, by the 15th of each month in order to appear in the next issue. Visit the [web site](#) for submission guidelines. All articles are subject to editing to fit allotted space and submission does not guarantee publication.

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MUSINGS FROM THE EDITOR

Gordon Savage, DTM

Taking It to the Streets

Are you taking it to the streets? **You've been speaking in front of your club for quite a while now, and you're starting to get complacent. Is this what you joined Toastmasters for? Let's face it; it's time to step outside your comfort zone — again.**

In the lead article Tom offered up some opportunities for getting in front of new **audiences. I'd like to offer some more.** There are over seven hundred clubs and other organizations in Colorado that need speakers, many on a weekly basis. There are service clubs such as Optimists, Rotary, Sertoma, and so on. There are senior citizens groups and retiree associations and on and on.

They're looking for someone to inform them or to entertain them, someone with something new to say. They want to hear you, and they want you to succeed. Sounds like your club, doesn't it? They're just not the same old faces. Okay, if you fall flat on your face, they probably won't ask you back, but they won't boo you either. And on top of that many of them will feed you. What more could you ask for?

Finding them may take some research. The headquarters of many clubs have websites and can help you contact clubs in your area. Your library probably has at least one book or magazine with information on organizations. You may have to do some digging to find them. And there are lists available from people like Joe Sabah that



have up to date contact information. These lists may cost you money, but they take a lot of the effort out of finding places you can speak.

Taking it to the streets is a way to step out of your comfort zone and boost your self-confidence. Is it for you? Try it and see.